



1040 2nd Street, Suite 103  
Sturgis, SD 57785



**Daylight Saving  
Time Begins March 9**

Remember to set your  
clocks forward one hour.

### Attention Home Owners

Spring is just around the corner, and it's time to consider home maintenance!

Is your paint chipping? Is weather-stripping coming loose? Don't think you can pay for basic repairs? Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity can help! A Brush with Kindness is a program that assists low-income homeowners in repairing and renovating the exterior of their houses so they can continue to live in safe, decent homes.

Projects include painting, landscaping, weatherization and minor repair services. Call 605-384-9196 or visit [www.blackhillshabitat.org](http://www.blackhillshabitat.org) for an application.



### Upcoming Meetings

**Sturgis City Council:** March 3 and 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Erskine Building.  
Note: If you want to be scheduled on the City Council agenda, you must notify the Finance Office by 4:00 p.m. on Monday the week prior to the Council meeting.  
**Planning and Zoning:** March 4 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, Room A.  
**Forestry Board:** March 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center.  
**Park Board:** March 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center.  
**MUB:** March 12 at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall, Room A.  
**Sturgis Area Arts Council:** March 13 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, Room A.

### Officials

#### Mayor

Mark Carstensen 490-1044

#### Council Members

##### Ward One:

Mike Bachand 490-1054

Kelly Vasknetz 490-0361

##### Ward Two:

David Hersrud 347-5061

Marcia Johnston 347-2483

##### Ward Three:

Jason Anderson 490-1618

Ron Waterland 720-5010

##### Ward Four:

Branden Bestgen 644-6005

Tim Potts 720-4233

##### City Manager

Daniel Ainslie 347-4422



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## SEDC Purchases Development Property at Exit 32

On December 31, Sturgis Economic Development Corp (SEDC) purchased the property at 752 Anna Street/Exit 32 from Guy Edwards DBA WE Sturgis, LLC. Its prime location is the east entrance to Sturgis and Vanocker Canyon and has the highest year round daily traffic count in Meade County. The building has since been demolished to begin marketing this ideal site for commercial re-development which will increase the local tax base and offer more services for residents and guests.

According to the 2012 DOT traffic count, Exit 32 averages 19,600 units per day - the highest traffic count in Meade County. It provides the most direct access to Vanocker Canyon and the Black Hills National Forest. The iconic Sturgis visitor "Welcome" sign is located across the street, and hosts tourist traffic year round.

The City has annexed several acres south of the Exit 32 exchange and will begin a major water project this spring near the new Belle Joli Winery which is expected to open this year.

Re-development of this property will be another catalyst for further development activities.



## Winter Storm Atlas - FEMA Status Update

Winter Storm 'Atlas' hit Sturgis on October 4, 2013. Two weeks following the storm, FEMA representatives, the SD Office of Emergency Management, Meade County Emergency Manager and the City completed a pre-assessment survey to identify damage and to assess the value of those damages. The pre-assessment determined the storm did meet the criteria to apply for disaster assistance. On November 8, the region was declared a disaster by president Obama.

Nearly five months later, work to repair damage continues and tree limb clean up continues. During the past several months, the City has worked closely with FEMA to document and apply for disaster recovery reimbursement. So far, the City has submitted four project worksheets (reimbursement requests) to FEMA for expenses directly related to the disaster.

As of February 11, the following expenses have been submitted to FEMA:

- Debris removal for the first 30 days of the storm (employee wages, overtime and equipment depreciation) \$170,837.
- Repairs around the sewer lagoons (fencing, road repairs, erosion repairs, a portion of work completed by a contractor and additional employees wages) \$16,722.
- First 48 hours of snow removal (equipment depreciation and other related costs) \$30,111.78.
- Debris removal for days 31-90 (equipment depreciation, employee regular wages and overtime)



# FEMA

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The City is working with FEMA to complete four more project worksheets which will include:

- Repair of drop off sites (north yard at Public Works, Exit 32, Community Center & Anna Street) – Estimated cost of these repairs \$47,711.
- Culvert erosion repair at Blanche, Glover and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets – estimated to be \$9,424.
- Building repairs at Public Works and Fire Hall - \$3,359.
- Fencing repairs (water tower, Meade Ave. drain fence, Lions Club Park) and damage to baseball field backstops – \$5,006.

At the end of March, the City will prepare the final project worksheet for the debris cleanup for days 91-180. In general, FEMA will reimburse the city for 75% of all qualified storm related expenses. The State will reimburse the City for an additional 10%.

Over all, the City was able to save money by hiring very few contractors and completing the majority of the clean up work using city staff. The City will be reimbursed for the use of our equipment which will enabled us to buy additional equipment that we will use for decades to come.

The City also saved a considerable amount of money by tracking costs and preparing the required project worksheets using city staff. Rapid City hired an engineering firm to complete their worksheets at a cost of \$300,000. The FEMA representative said that Sturgis is the most well documented and prepared City she has ever worked with.

### New Services at the Library

**Faxing** - The public can now use the library fax for incoming and outgoing fax needs. Incoming faxes can be sent to 605-720-7211. The fee is \$.50 per page. The Library will hold a fax up to 10 days for pick up. Outgoing faxes cost \$1.00 per page for local calls and \$1.50 per page for long distance.



**Air Printing** - The Library now has an air printer. This printer works with compatible electronic devices such as iPads and tablets. Fees are the same as traditional printing, \$.15 per page for black and white and \$1.00 per page for color.

### Reminders From Public Works

Sturgis Public Works would like to provide the following information about our Sanitation Program.

1. All garbage placed in toters needs to be bagged and tied shut to minimize litter.
2. Toters must be placed at the curb or on the edge of the street, at least 3 feet away from any obstructions (mailboxes, cars, utility poles, tree limbs, ect.). Toters need to be facing the street for automated dumping.
3. Portable toters can be placed out for collection the night before pick up is scheduled. They should always be taken back to a secure location at the residence after they are emptied. Toters left out on the curb often blow away or are vandalized. The City is not responsible for replacing unsecured toters.
4. Excess garbage left outside a toter may incur an extra dumping fee. Extra garbage may be placed into the toter after it has been dumped and an extra pick up can be scheduled. A second toter can be requested if one is not adequate to contain normal weekly garbage.
5. Toters or cans that are not issued by the City will not be dumped.
6. Large items can be scheduled for pick up by calling the Public Works Department in advance of putting the item out.
7. Short term and extra services are available. A large 300 gal. toter can be provided at the cost of \$10.00 per dump or \$31.53 per month with a weekly pick up.



#### These items should NOT be placed in city toters:

- Hot Ashes
- Yard Waste - grass clippings, leaves, or branches.
- Rubble - rocks, dirt, carpet, or furniture.
- Building Materials - sheet rock, flooring, tile, lumber, and or metal.

These items should instead be hauled to the City Rubble Site. A pickup load (5 yards or less) can be dumped for free by providing a current City water bill. The Rubble Site is open Monday through Saturday until 4:45 daily.

*Thank You For Recycling!*



### Supermoto To Return To Sturgis In September

The City of Sturgis recently announced the 2nd Annual Sturgis Supermoto, an AMA sanctioned event, will take place on September 13 and 14, 2014 on Legendary Main Street in downtown Sturgis.

Supermoto combines exciting elements of motocross, dirt track and road racing all into one dynamic and exciting race. The purpose-built track features jumps and high-speed straights on both dirt and asphalt. The layout is designed to showcase the trademark versatility possessed



by top Supermoto racers. The race is part of the AMA Pro Series that kicks off in Las Vegas on March 7 at Caesars Palace and will end with a grand finale in Sturgis on September 13.

In September of 2013, the City hosted the 1st Annual Supermoto event. The race was a huge hit with racers and race fans that lined the track to

cheer for their favorite racer. In addition to providing great entertainment, local businesses realized a boost to their sales which traditionally decline in September.

The action will begin on Friday, September 12 with pro and amateur practice sessions. Saturday the 13th will feature professional riders from all over the U.S. and Canada. On Sunday, September 14, amateur riders of all ages will get the opportunity to show off their skills. Rally and Events staff will be working closely with the downtown businesses to coordinate track preparation, parking and customer access.

More information will soon be available on the [sturgissupermoto.com](http://sturgissupermoto.com) website. You can also like the Sturgis Supermoto Facebook page to receive all race information as it becomes available.

### STURGIS BRICK PROJECT

The deadline for purchasing a commemorative Sturgis brick is fast approaching. March 15 will be the last day to place your order for 2014 placement on Legendary Main Street.

The Sturgis Brick Project began in 2000 and offers personalized bricks for sale which are then permanently placed on the sidewalk near the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and the Sturgis Armory on Main Street.

A commemorative brick is a great way to acknowledge a special event, celebrate an accomplishment or memorialize a loved one.

For more information about how you can purchase a brick, please call the Sturgis Rally and Events Department at 720-0800 or visit the [sturgismotorcyclerrally.com](http://sturgismotorcyclerrally.com) website.



### Contact Information

City Hall 347-4422  
City Attorney 347-4422  
Code Enforcement and Inspections 347-4422

Finance Office 347-4422  
Human Resources 347-4422  
Rally Department 720-0800  
1040 2nd Street

Community Center 347-6513  
5:00 - 9:00 Mon. - Fri.  
8:00 - 8:00 Sat.  
Noon - 5:00 Sun.  
1401 Lazelle Street

Fire & Ambulance 347-5801  
Emergency 911  
7:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.  
1901 Ballpark Road

Library 347-2624  
8:00 - 7:00 Mon. - Thur.  
8:30 - 5:00 Fri.  
8:30 - 4:00 Sat.  
1040 2nd Street

Liquor Store 347-5983  
8:00 - 9:00 Mon. - Sat.  
10:00 - 6:00 Sun.  
1075 Lazelle Street

Parks Department 347-9018  
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.  
1920 Ballpark Road  
Shelter Reservations call 347-4422

Police Department 347-5070  
Emergency 911  
1400 Main Street

Public Works 347-3916  
7:00 - 4:00 Mon. - Fri.  
1057 Dudley Street  
Rubble Site  
8:00 - 5:00 Tue. - Fri.  
8:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 5:00 Mon. and Sat.

Water Department 347-4425  
8:00 - 4:45 Mon. - Fri.  
1040 2nd Street  
After Hours Emergency call  
Police Dispatch 347-2573  
Payment Drop Box:  
City Hall 1040 2nd Street